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TOWN PLANNER'S OFFICE

TOWN OF ELLINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 16, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Duell, Joe Stimac, Timothy Kiessling and Shawn Koehler (arrived at 7:15)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Daniel Parisi; Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Spielman, BOS Liaison, Jim Thompson, Town Engineer, George Fetko, Director of Public Works, Peter Williams, WPCA and Kristin Michaud, Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Acting Chairman Duell called the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Ellington Town Hall Annex Meeting Room, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

III. OLD BUSINESS:

MOVED (KIESSLING), SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA UNDER OLD BUSINESS NUMBERS 2. FLOW POLICY; 3. PLANNING & ZONING MEETING ON MARCH 22, 2010 AND 4. PUMPS AT CRYSTAL LAKE.

1. Facilities Plan – GIS Mapping

Jim Thompson, Town Engineer presented a new map and disk to Peter Williams. Mr. Williams said they will review the information and get back to Mr. Thompson before the next regular meeting as to the next step in bringing the maps up to date.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

2. Flow Policy

Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator reviewed the sample motion presented in the WPCA's packet.

MOVED (KIESSLING), SECONDED (STIMAC) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJUST THE PROJECTED MAXIMUM PLANNED FLOW NUMBERS BY THE FOLLOWING:

- **DECREASE THE PROPERTY TOTAL FLOW PROJECTIONS BY 5% DUE TO STANDARD DEVIATIONS AND POSSIBLE MARGINS OF ERROR IN THE PRESENT FACILITIES PLAN'S TOTAL PROJECTED FLOW CALCULATIONS.**

- **DECREASE THE TOTAL INFILTRATION FLOW PROJECTION BY 10% DUE TO UPGRADES AND MAINTENANCE TO THE PIPING LINES.**
- **INITIATE A COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES PLAN WHEN ACTUAL FLOWS EXCEED 80% OF THE MAXIMUM DAILY ALLOWABLE FLOW IN THE INTER-TOWN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON.**

3. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on March 22, 2010

Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator, reminded the members of the meeting on Monday, March 22, 2010 to discuss on town sewer policy, potential for additional capacity, and the progress of the facilities plan update. He reminded them to arrive at 8:00pm due to other items on the agenda.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

4. Pumps at Crystal Lake

George Fetko, Public Works Director, stated that one of the two pumps at Crystal Lake Pump Station had a catastrophic failure and he reviewed a letter dated March 10, 2010 from George Fetko to Daniel Parisi, WPCA Chairman for \$47,700 to replace existing pumps and the installation of supporting variable frequency drives. He also explained that he is requesting a bid waiver because the work was an emergency and there wasn't enough time to go out for bid.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Fetko if it would be beneficial to him if they raised that amount to \$50,000 and Mr. Fetko agreed it would.

MOVED (KIESSLING), SECONDED (STIMAC) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REPLACE EXISTING PUMPS AS REQUESTED IN GEORGE FETKO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS MEMO TO CHAIRMAN, DANIEL PARISI DATED MARCH 10, 2010, AT A NOT TO EXCEED COST OF \$50,000 AS WELL AS A BID WAIVER FOR THE VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVES AND THE CORNELL PUMPS.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kelly Fradet – BA Reduction Request

Mr. Williams reviewed what Kelly Fradet was proposing with the commission.

Mr. Williams explained that there is limited added benefit of the new warehouse section at Kelly Fradet.

The Commission agreed to reduce the amount as it has been done before.

MOVED (STIMAC), SECONDED (KIESSLING) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REDUCE THE ADDITIONAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR THE ADDITION AT 98 WEST ROAD, DUE TO WAREHOUSE SPACE TO \$9440.

2. 10 Sullivan Road – Interest Rate Reduction Request.

Al Breton, 22 Private Grounds Road, came forward for his sister who occupies 10 Sullivan Road and explained his situation to the commission. He is requesting the interest be lowered on an outstanding sewer bill and that the bills be put on hold until the sale of 10 Sullivan. The interest is equal to the amount of the sewer bill.

Mr. Williams stated that they could reduce the interest rate to what it costs the WPCA to reduce the burden on Mr. Breton. He also suggested the commission get an opinion from the Town Attorney so as not to set precedence. The Commission agreed and they will send a letter to Mr. Breton regarding the outcome of that conversation.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

3. 22 Maple Street – Zone Change Review and Response.

Joe Capossela, Esq., Kahan, Kerensky, & Capossela, came forward for Rockville Bank seeking to keep existing flow for the property. His objective in requesting a Zone change is to remove the age restriction on the property at 22 Maple Street. Attorney Capossela handed out copies of items from the WPCA files pertaining to the past flow approval.

Attorney Capossela discussed with the commission that Tom Savage of Pioneer Builders, purchased the property and brought it through the town process and eventually sold the property to a builder. When he came before the board at that time he was granted 9375 GPD based on the recommendations of Jim Thompson, Town Engineer and the purchase of additional wastewater capacity at \$4.81 GPD beyond the sewer capacity allocated in the 1998 facilities plan. Attorney Capossela believes that nothing will change with a zone change on that property because that site has been granted WPCA approval and the bill has been paid. It will still be a residential development they are not changing uses.

Attorney Capossela read from the motion made by the WPCA at their December 14, 2004 meeting minutes and that motion was recommended by Jim Thompson, Town Engineer. He also gave the Commission a copy of the action letter sent to Tom Savage dated January 11, 2005 that states there would be 150 bedrooms on site and that is not changing either. He also reviewed copies of both checks made payable to the Town of Ellington for the capacity purchase and in April 2006 Tom Savage, Pioneer Builders signed a purchase agreement with the town. He stated that even if the development does go beyond capacity the WPCA could charge for the extra capacity and there is no condition this development must stay age restricted based on approval and payments made there is no issue. They are looking to construct the same site plan just different occupants on the property.

Attorney Capossela explained that he is asking for zone change to Multi Family from the P&Z and all he wants from the WPCA is to confirm the capacity for the parcel.

Lori Spielman, BOS Liaison, asked if the future senior center was considered and included in on the allocation of the sewers. Jim Thompson noted that there is capacity planned for this and it was considered.

MOVED (STIMAC), SECONDED (KIESSLING) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL, FOR A PLANNED FLOW ADJUSTMENT, DUE TO PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE FOR 22 MAPLE STREET, IN THE SAME AMOUNT AS PRESENTLY ALLOCATED FOR THE PARCEL. (9,375 GPD) THIS CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL WILL BECOME INVALID IF THE ZONE CHANGE IS NOT APPROVED BY THE ELLINGTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WITHIN TWO YEARS (MARCH 16, 2012).

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Project 2008-2 Rt. 83 Sewer Line Reversal

Jim Thompson, Town Engineer stated that an approval of a budget has never been done and that the commission needs to come up with a construction and engineering budget. Mr. Williams asked that Mr. Thompson to prepare a complete budget for review at the next meeting.

ii. Project 2008-3 Rt. 83 Kimballs Brook Bridge

Mr. Thompson stated that he has been in touch with the state and they should be receiving something from the DOT stating that the WPCA needs a design contract with Mr. Thompson for the work to be done.

iii. Project 2008-4 Sandy Beach & Stafford Road Extension

Mr. Thompson stated he is waiting for a survey from Landmark Surveys. Mr. Williams noted that there is still \$50,000 in the 2010-2011 CIP Budget for the project.

iv. Project 2009-2 Orchard Street Repairs

Mr. Thompson stated the project is done except for the final paving and that he is waiting on As-Builts and a report from Lenny Descheneaux of public works department.

2. 2010 – 2011 Budget Review

Mr. Williams reviewed the proposed user, operation budgets and the five year forecast for each. It was noted there will be a negative draw in the upcoming years in the enterprise funds and there may need to be a rate increase to compensate for this.

MOVED (KIESSLING), SECONDED (STIMAC) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2010-2011 USER AND OPERATIONS BUDGETS AS SUBMITTED AND REVIEWED FOR THE HOCKANUM AND CRYSTAL LAKE SEWER SYSTEMS.

3. Approval of the January 19, 2010 meeting minutes as written.

MOVED (KIESSLING), SECONDED (KOELHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2010 MEETING MINUTES.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (STIMAC), SECONDED (KOELHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristin C. Michaud, Recording Secretary